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	Patent Application of: O Aoki				
Appli	cation No.: 10/560,171	Confirmation No.: 1361			
Filed:	December 9, 2005	Art Unit: N/A			
For:	CEMENTED CARBIDE MATERIAL FOR SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING TOOL AND SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING TOOL	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned			

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

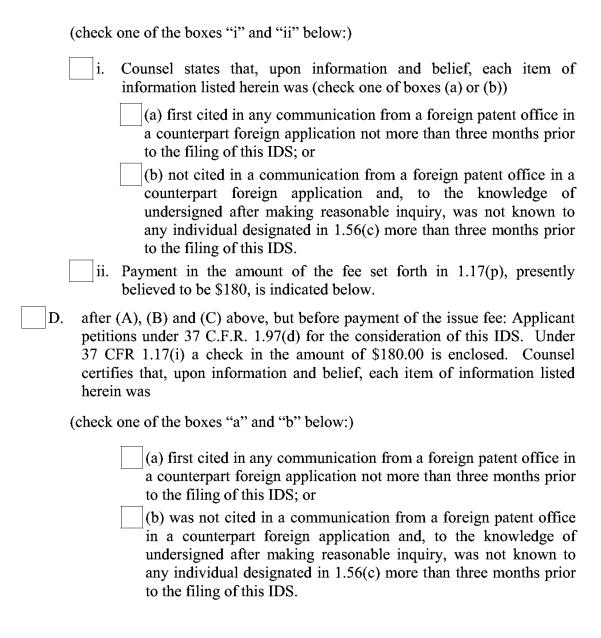
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Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

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C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary statement in box "i" below or paid the necessary fee in box "ii" below.

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Application No.: 10/560,171 Docket No.: 09852/0203745-US0 A. Pursuant to the 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), a copy/copies of the U.S. Patent(s) and/or U.S. Patent Application Publication(s) on PTO/SB08 is/are not being submitted. B. Document(s) ______is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) _____, and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed. C. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior applications, which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120: <<INSERT SERIAL NO. & FILING DATE>> Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892, PTO-1449 and/or PTO/SB/08 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO/SB/08 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 1.98(d). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application. x 3. Cite No(s). 1 under Foreign and Non-Patent documents are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(c), Applicant states: x An English translation of each document (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding Englishlanguage patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed. The requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of any foreign language document is satisfied by the attached search report; citation of the documents cited in the search report shall not be construed as an admission that they are or are considered to be, material to patentability of the subject matter claimed herein (See MPEP §609). A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) is set forth as follows: [Insert concise explanation of relevance] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) can be found on page(s) _____ of the specification. A concise explanation of document(s) ____ can be found on the attached sheet.

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4.	No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 in the preamble to								
	the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).								
x 5.	Other	information	being	provided	for	the	examiner's		
<u>.</u>	consideration follows:								

A Japanese Office Action, dated January 9, 2007, which issued during the prosecution of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-169962 which corresponds to the present application.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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